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1. PCT International Search Report for MELONI, Ilaria and RENIERI, Alessandra, Int'l Application No. PCT/IT03/00134, Filed March 6, 2003, Dated October 9, 2003. [**Exhibit 1**]
2. International Publication Number WO 02/16575 A for UNIV UTAH RES. FOUND; CAO YANG (US); PRESCOTT STEPHEN (US), Published February 28, 2002. "Method of Screening for Inhibitors of Human Fatty Acid-CoA Ligase 4". [**Exhibit 2**]

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